

ON MURDER CHARGE

Italian Who Sold Fruit To Dead Woman Arrested.

WAS AFTER HER DIAMONDS

Suspected Murderer Lived Just Across Street From Rich Jewess and Circumstances Lead Police to Believe He Killed Her For Her Jewels.

Ashbury Park, N. J., Dec. 21.—Frank Perdoni, an Italian fruit dealer, was arrested this afternoon upon a warrant issued by Magistrate John A. Berden, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Moritz Naftal, the wealthy Jewess, who was found dead in her home in South Main street, Wednesday afternoon. Samuel Pierie, another Italian, a former partner of Perdoni, was taken at the same time, and placed under bonds as a witness. Perdoni will be arraigned before Magistrate Borde tomorrow morning and remanded to await the result of the coroner's inquest.

The warrant for Perdoni's arrest was sworn out by William H. Smith, the chief of police. Mr. Smith is reticent concerning Perdoni's arrest, but intimates that he has sufficient evidence in his possession to connect the Italian with the murder.

Perdoni's former place of business is almost directly opposite the Naftal home. Mrs. Naftal was a frequent customer, and Perdoni, it is asserted, knew that she always secreted her diamonds and money about her person. When Mrs. Naftal's body was found the hands and limbs were tied with rope. The authorities allege that the rope was cut from the awning in front of Pierie's fruitstore. It is further stated that Perdoni recently told an acquaintance that he knew of a plan whereby they might safely and easily get a large sum of money and valuable diamonds. It is believed that the man to whom he broached the plan told the police.

Perdoni a year ago was arrested, charged with running a gambling house but the grand jury failed to indict him. Later he was arrested for selling liquor contrary to law. As a consequence his business fell off and he was forced to dispose of it. He is an inveterate gambler and for the last month has been a frequenter of the New York poolrooms. It is considered possible that Pierie is the man to whom Perdoni first suggested the diamond robbery. Pierie is a politician, with considerable following. He was formerly an inspector on the local trolley line and bears an excellent reputation.

Six detectives, four of them from New York, are working on the case. Other arrests may be made tomorrow. Mrs. Naftal was buried today in Washington Cemetery, New York.

The police are searching for a woman whose home is at Long Branch. They say Perdoni has been spending all his money on her. Some fruit was found in the Naftal apartments which Mrs. Naftal did not buy. The police assert that the Long Branch woman was in the fruit store late on Tuesday evening.

HUNTS TREASURE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Somewhere along the lake shore between Calumet Park and the Indiana State line—a distance of a half mile—lies buried a fisherman's treasure amounting to \$8000. The fisherman told of his savings to his aged wife on Tuesday night and promised her that on the following day he would make known to her the hiding place of the profits of his thirty years' work.

During the night he became bereft of speech and yesterday he was unconscious. Without regaining the use of his faculties, he died of heart failure.

The fisherman was known to old settlers of South Chicago as Andrew Mattson. Accompanied by his wife he went to South Chicago thirty years ago. He took up fishing for a livelihood and the people of the vicinity called him the hermit fisherman.

His wife believed he had barely made enough for subsistence. She doubted his word at first when he told her of his large savings but he was so emphatic, she declares, that there is no doubt that the money is hidden somewhere along the beach.

Left penniless by his death she intends to begin a systematic search for the secreted money.

Mattson was 6 years old and his wife is 65.

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GATE RECEIPTS LARGE.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The gate receipts of the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien fight last night were \$16,407. Of this sum 60 per cent went to the gladiators, the winner receiving 75 per cent of the 60 per cent, and the loser getting 25 per cent. It was the largest crowd that has attended any fight in San Francisco this year, and was the largest gallery that has ever gathered at a fistie encounter in this city.

INDIAN TRADER DIES.

Denver, Dec. 22.—Walter A. Florer of Gray Horse, Okla., well known as trader among the Osage Indians, died here at midnight from tuberculosis of the brain. Mr. Florer came here about a year ago for his health. He was a son of Colonel John M. Florer, one of the pioneers of Oklahoma and a trusted friend of the Osages, among whom he has lived since the close of the war.

Mr. Florer was born and raised among the Indians. The remains will be taken to Lawrence, Kas., for burial.

WAS NOT SO EASY

Woman Writer Shows How Easy It is to Steal.

SHE IS CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Miss Lillian Cherry of Minneapolis Comes to New York to Write Stories—Caught Shoplifting—Says She Wanted Practical Experience, to Better Describe.

New York, Dec. 21.—Miss Lillian Cherry of Minneapolis came to New York not long ago with a bundle of manuscripts. For eight years—she is now thirty-one—teaching has been her vocation, writing her ambition. She was held in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday on a charge of shoplifting in a Sixth-avenue department store.

Her defense was that, like Hamlin Garland, who recently got himself placed in a cell in order to acquire "local color," she was gathering material for an article on "How Easy It Is To Steal in a Department Store."

According to the store detective, Miss Cherry was seen to take a woman's combing jacket. When searched after her arrest these additional articles were found upon her: A locket, a paper of pins, spoon, a piece of lace, three scarfs, five handkerchiefs, two collars, fourteen post cards, one polisher and four bolts of ribbon.

She sent word to Rev. Dr. David James Burrell of the Marble Collegiate church in Fifth avenue, recalling to him that she had been one of his parishioners in Minneapolis. Through Rev. Dr. Rutherford counsel was secured for her. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow and \$2500 bail was accepted from those interested.

It is said in the woman's behalf that her purpose was, for one thing, to scoff at the New York way of doing business with crowds, and for another to test whether actual experience had not more merit than invention in a "story" meant for sale.

Miss Cherry's New York address is given on the police register as being at a boarding house at 12 West Ninety-fourth street.

Cured Paralysis.

W. F. Bailey, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. It does the work." Sold by Hart's drug store.

DEWEY ON HAZING

The Admiral is Against All Such Practices.

IT SHOULD BE STOPPED

He Says the Secretary of the Navy Should Be Given Authority to Summarily Dismiss Any Cadet Found Guilty of Hazing.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: Admiral Dewey has taken an emphatic stand against the hazing practices which prevail at the naval academy at Annapolis.

"It is a disgraceful condition of affairs," he said yesterday. "It calls for prompt and vigorous attention. The Secretary of the Navy should be empowered to dismiss instantly any boy caught in the act of hazing and the culprit should be deprived of all hope of getting back. He should be dismissed and excluded forever."

The naval academy is the cradle of the navy and there in the opinion of the admiral, should begin the inculcation of the principles of obedience to law and regulation which are essential to the maintenance of an efficient service.

"Of course boys are the same all over the world; they will be boys," said Admiral Dewey. "I am not opposed to fair fighting when circumstances are such that it is the proper thing to resort to. We do not want in our navy men who hesitate to resent an insult. But we do not want prizefighters and it is unfair and unmanly for several boys to attack one. I feel sure if the Secretary of the Navy had authority to dismiss the boy instantly and the boy would never have a chance of getting back, there would be no more hazing."

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On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:50 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental travelers.

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